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Mrs Chapman

Dear Friend

Your welcome letter came safe to hand I live more just getting a little anxious lest the bill should have been lost and on the eve of writing to enquire, however all right and that is best. Your hint about the Scrittan's was very acceptable and it would delight us much if from time to time you would be kind enough just to say what are the articles that is likely to meet with the readiest sale we would work with much more confidence if we were fully acquainted with this fact. I write to say that our box will leave with the steamer on the 4th of Dec. if all is well we were desirous that it should leave by the earliest steamer but as the ladies who take the principal charge of arranging and packing namely Mrs Anderson & Miss Paton her sister faithful friends

are generally spending the summer on the West coast & so not return to Glasgow till the month of October on this account they feel a difficulty in getting all arranged sooner, we intend it to contain tartans to the value of five pounds Miss Pease sent us £5 some time ago to be expended on the box as it is still on hand we shall lay it out and whatever more we can afford on that article, she is also sending to us the picture of Cobden & Bright to send you the box shall also contain a few of the winter dresses for children similar to those sent last year but much more tastefully finished, they were far from being to our mind before but we have been more careful this time I should like to know if that kind of manufacture meets with any demand at your market, I am also getting a few Celtic dressed like the Edinburgh visit lines I think they will be quite a curiosity with you, Mrs Wigham late Jane Smeal of Glasgow lives in Edinburgh since coming here I have frequently met with her

and she is taking a deep interest in the cause and trying to do something she desires to be kindly remembered to you, I enquired after her absent Mrs Erskine, she is now living at Dollar she says, Mrs W promised to write her and mention that you had been enquiring for her. I enclose a note to you from Miss Logan Walthamstow Essex, a very liberal yearly contributor to your fair through our box she seems a truly excellent woman & one I love much for her works sake, on writing her lately I said I was sure you would be delighted to have from her she accordingly sent me this note to be forwarded to you the first time I would write, some time ago she requested me if it were in my power to get for her an autograph of Dr Channing if it were but his signature she would be grateful for it, Dr Lansworth happened to be in Glasgow at the time I spoke to him about it, he noted it down & promised on his return to America to send it to me a considerable time has now elapsed and no word from him it is likely he has forgot, could you do any thing by way

of obtaining this for her and you would much oblige us both.

I am sorry to hear of Scott Collins illness he is a valuable man full of truth & one the world can ill want, that he suffers persecution there is little doubt, none can expect to escape the fire of persecution that stands so boldly forward in behalf of the oppressed as he does but he is able to bear it all knowing that he serves a faithful Master who sustains him now and will some day take him to the enjoyment of his reward. H C Wright is expected in this city this week to address a Total abstinence meeting during his stay in Edinburgh I expect him to live with us and I do look forward to a treat, as I have never yet enjoyed much of his company having to come into Edinburgh with my brother soon after he came to the west country. I trust he will stay here as long as there is any chance of doing good. I hope our box will not be too late in reaching you, you must be on the look out for it when the Date comes around hoping to hear from you soon with kindest regards

Believe me your faithful friend Mary Welsh